

CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2005

CONVENED:	9:00 a.m.
CONDUCTING:	Laura Poe, Bureau Manager
ADJOURNED:	10:45 A.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Leissa Roberts, CNM Diane Heubusch, CNM Linda Cornaby, public member Debra Penney, CNM Deborah Flansburg, CNM
DIVISION STAFF:	Laura Poe, Bureau Manager J. Craig Jackson, Division Director Shirlene Kimball, Secretary
<u>TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:</u>	<u>DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:</u>
WELCOME AND SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS:	Ms. Poe welcomed and conducted the swearing in of Board members.
ELECTION OF CHAIR:	Ms. Roberts was nominated as Board chair. The nomination was seconded. All Board members in favor.
CNM RULE CHANGES:	Ms. Poe presented a copy of CNM rule changes that have been filed. The changes are non-substantive and will not require a hearing. Ms. Poe indicated the changes update revised title and publication dates for documents incorporated by reference; updates a statute citation reference; and changed the name of the national certifying board to reflect the current name as revised by the organization.
DISCUSSION REGARDING CNMS OBTAINING APRN LICENSURE:	Ms. Poe indicated she has received several calls from CNM's that are unable to receive reimbursement from insurance carriers for well women health care. These CNM's have

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questioned what can be done to obtain the APRN license so that they can receive reimbursement for well women health care. Ms. Poe indicated that years ago, CNM's were required to hold dual licensure in order to prescribe, but in 1998, the CNM and the Nurse Practice Acts were rewritten to include prescriptive practice. This eliminated the need for CNM's to hold both licenses and the Division convinced CNMs to drop the APRN license. Most CNMs dropped the APRN license and now are finding it difficult to find work or to be reimbursed for areas within their scope of practice. Ms. Poe indicated the requirement for APRN license is a master's degree in nursing and certification from approved certification program. The current CNM certification is not an accepted certification for the APRN license. Ms. Poe indicated that the Board of Nursing approved adding the CNM certification exam to the list of accepted examinations for APRN licensure. Ms. Poe indicated that the CNM scope of practice will not change and APRN licensure will be limited to those with master's degree in nursing. Ms. Poe indicated that if an individual is licensed as an APRN and CNM, he/she will need two controlled substance licenses if they are going to be prescribing controlled substances in both practices. The controlled substance license is attached to the primary license. Ms. Roberts made a Motion to support the change in the NPA rules to accept the CNM certification and allow CNM's with a Masters degree and CNM certification to be licensed as APRNs. The Motion was seconded. All Board members in favor.

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DISCUSSION REGARDING CNMS
IN THE APRN COMPACT:

Board members requested a mailing to the CNMs to explain the process.

Ms. Poe explained the Interstate Compact and stated that before a state can enter into the compact, that state has to adopt uniform licensure requirements. She indicated that CNMs and CRNAs were not included in the Utah APRN compact. The CNM's were not included because of the masters degree requirement and not all CNM's have a masters degree. Ms. Roberts indicated there is a recommendation that all CNM's be masters prepared. If the CNMs are accepted into the compact, the Act would have to be opened and require a Masters degree as of a pre-determined date. Those who are currently practicing would be grandfathered in. Those applying after the established dates would be licensed here, but with a single state license.

Board members requested that when a letter is sent out to the CNMs explaining the process to become licensed as an APRN, that a survey be included asking for educational preparation and who is certified and who is masters prepared.

Ms. Poe indicated that the goal for 2007 will be to look at opening the CNM Act and adopting the masters degree, inclusion into the APRN compact, then handle the grandfathering when see how many individuals would be involved.

Ms. Heubusch made a Motion the open the CNM Act to include a masters

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degree and to include the CNMs in the APRN Compact. The Motion was seconded. All Board members in favor.

Ms. Heubusch indicated that Salt Lake City is hosting the national conference in May 2006.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

Ms. Flansburg discussed CNMs certified as 1st assist. She indicated that insurance will not reimburse because the CNM Act does not include 1st assist and questioned if the Act is opened, if this could be added? Ms. Roberts questioned at what point do we open the Act to include training beyond the basic skills? She stated the problem is not in the Act, the problem is with Medicaid. They have rules they will not bend on. This issue needs to be addressed as a CNM group, but does not need to be in the Act. Ms. Poe indicated we may want to clarify in Rules, broaden the definition of generally recognized practice of CNM to include new technologies.

Board members suggested including in the survey whether or not CNMs are currently certified to be 1st assistants, how many are having trouble getting paid and to identify the hospital that allow the CNM to first assist. Other questions to include would be the well women health care issues, insurance companies and panels and v-backing. The survey should also ask if the licensee is currently licensed or practicing in another state.

DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFE:

Ms. Poe reported that Direct Entry Midwives were recognized during the

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last legislative session. It is not a mandatory licensure. If a direct entry midwife wants to administer certain medications, he/she would have to be licensed. The Act is very limiting as far as what medications can be administered. Ms. Poe indicated there are about 15 individuals who will seek this licensure and those 15 individuals provide approximately 85% of the care given in Utah. Ms. Poe indicated the temporary Rules Committee worked on Rules, looked at other state requirements, and submitted the proposal to the Direct Entry Midwife Board. Ms. Roberts requested a copy of the proposed rules.

ENVIROMENTAL SCAN:

Ms. Poe indicated there is a push to have the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) as entry level. It was reported that the University of Utah will probably offer DNP as a degree in 2007-2008.

NEXT MEETING:

Ms. Poe indicated the Board should meet quarterly in order to re-write the CNM Act. It was determined that the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

LAURA POE, BUREAU MANAGER

DATE